

# Report of the Trustees and unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025 for the Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holmer with Huntington



# Holmer with Huntington & St Mary's, Hereford

## Annual Report for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005

### Reference and Administration Details

The parish has three churches St Bartholomew's, St Mary's and St Mary Magdalene. There is also Holmer Parish Centre. The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holmer with Huntington is a Registered Charity No 1135577

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Members of the PCC are either ex-officio or elected by the annual Parochial Church Meeting in accordance with the Church representation rules. During the year the following served as members of the PCC from May 2025 onwards:

Vicar	Rev Wayne Davies - from July 2024
Churchwardens	Mr Peter Maxwell and Mr Clive Medows
Chapel Wardens	Mrs Margaret Hampshire (Huntington), Mrs Sheila Tolson (Huntington) & Mrs Cynthia Hartland (St. Mary's)
Deanery Synod Members	Mrs Barbara Hartland, Mr Peter Maxwell, Mrs Maggie Love & Mrs Gill Waring-Jenkins re-election due in 2026
Secretary	Mrs Jane Tate (left Sept 2025) & Mrs Janice Gough
Treasurer	Mr Gerald Ridley

### ***Elected Members In theory three are appointed each year for a 3-year period***

3 years ending April 2027 Janis Gough, Wendy Burge, Dave Cappleman  
1 year ending April 2025 Mike Jefferis – deceased Jan 2025  
2 years ending April 2026 Rose Vodden, Mike Beardall, Judith Topping  
Co-opted: Brian Hubbard 2 years ending April 2026; Hannah James-Fagg 3 years ending April 2027.  
Sarah Stevenson 3 years ending April 2027  
Ex-officio: Nancy Thomas – Reader Emeritus; Mary Maxwell – Dedicated Deacon

### Structure, governance and management

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a corporate body established by the Church of England. The PCC operates under the Parochial Church Council Powers Measure. It is registered with the Charity Commission.

There are currently no policies and procedures for the recruitment, induction and training of PCC members. Copies of the Archbishops' Council and Charity Commission's booklet *"Trusteeship – An Introduction for PCC Members"* are made available to new PCC members.

Apart from the Standing Committee of the PCC, the Church has no official sub-committees.

## Objectives and activities

Our Mission Statement is 'Showing Jesus Christ to those around us.'

### Public Benefit

The trustees of the Charity are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit and have had regard to it in their administration of the Charity.

The trustees believe that, by promoting the work of the Church of England in the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holmer with Huntington it helps to promote the whole mission of the Church (pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical) more effectively, within the Ecclesiastical Parish, and that in so doing it provides a benefit to the public by:-

Providing facilities for public worship, pastoral care and spiritual, moral and intellectual development, both for its members and for anyone who wishes to benefit from what the Church offers: and  
Promoting Christian values, and service by members of the Church in and to their communities, to the benefit of individuals and society as a whole.

### Church Attendance.

There are 137 names on the Church Electoral Roll (2025)

The average Sunday attendances at Holmer during 2025 still fluctuates, however we see an average of 70 adults and 10 children on a normal Sunday. At Huntington, average congregation was 15. St Mary's Grandstand the average was also 15. Christmas attendances were up on 2025. Church 'n' chips continue to have a regular attendance, but numbers do vary. Our Sunday services have continued to be recorded for YouTube and these recordings are appreciated.

We are fortunate as a church to have several life groups, the hub, busy bees, encounter, Open the Book and outreach events. Jane Tate our children's and family worker was made redundant at the end August 2025 as we were unable to secure funding for another three-year term. Jane then resigned her role as parish administrator to take up a chaplaincy role with Hereford Diocese. Debbie Lewis applied for the position after the role was advertised and was successful and has been in place since September 2025.

**During 2025** there were 31 baptisms, 3 weddings, 28 funerals, 12 funerals at the Crem and 7 interments of ashes at Holmer. Huntington had 0 baptisms, 0 weddings, 1 burial and 3 interments of ashes. There were no life events at St Mary's Grandstand Road.

**Christian Giving:** Our Churches support Scripture Union (SU), Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS), Children's Society, Bible Society, Tearfund, Serving Africa Mission, and CMS on a regular basis. In addition, we support Christian Aid Week and the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox appeal. Any disaster appeals are channelled through Tearfund. We have also started a discretionary fund within the church.

Rev Wayne Davies (Vicar)

## **Financial Review 2025**

We thank God for his goodness and provision for all we have done for him and our community of faith, for without him we achieve nothing.

We are a busy church with many activities and four buildings to care for, this means that we need to ensure our money is used wisely and after careful consideration by our PCC. It is important that we fund adequately our activities such as church and chips, Sunday Clubs, training and outreach into the community. We also need to ensure that our buildings are maintained to a high standard and make improvements when necessary.

The quinquennial inspection of the parish church was done in 2024. The architect itemised a number of investigations and repairs that need to be carried out. To date these have not been done and therefore the costs are not seen in the 2025 accounts.

Early in the year, it became apparent that there was a substantial shortfall in funding for the children's and families worker, Jane Tate. After careful consideration, the PCC decide to terminate the post of CWF and thus Jane was made redundant. Jane was thanked for all her work with families and children during the 9 years in post. As required by employment law Jane was paid a redundancy package of £3148.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone most sincerely for their generous giving during the year, through the Parish Giving Scheme, by standing order, cheque or cash. The great thing about the PGS is that the money given and the Gift Aid are both paid directly into our cash account as regular monthly payments, which helps our cash flow. Through the hard work and dedication of our Gift Aid officer we have claimed back as much tax as we can for all money given outside of the parish giving scheme.

The main funds for the charity are held in two accounts, a CAF (Charities Aid Foundation) account and a CIOF deposit account, which both hold restricted and unrestricted funds. In addition, there are two designated funds held in separate bank accounts, Junior Church and Busy Bees. Throughout 2025, all these funds have had credit balances.

It was agreed by the PCC at the end of 2024 to increase our Parish Offer by 7%, thus being an expenditure of £63,460. The PCC are pleased to report that the Parish Offer was paid in full for 2025.

As in previous years, the work of the three churches continued with the church centre and St Mary's being used well to support community groups and church outreach and at the same time generate substantial revenue.

### **Reserves' Policy**

The PCC has agreed to keep at least £20,000 in reserve to cover general operating expenditure in case of an emergency interruption to our regular income cash flow. If our reserves fall below £20,000, then we would need to have an emergency meeting of the PCC to consider a suitable course of action and response.

This policy was reviewed by the PCC at the PCC meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025 and the reserves held will now be £30,000 as from 1st January 2026.

Gerald Ridley  
(Hon Treasurer)



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**Independent Examiner's Report on the accounts**

Section A	Independent Examiner's Report		
Report to the trustees/ members of	HOLMER WITH HUNTINGTON & SE MARYS		
On accounts for the year ended	2025	Charity no (if any)	1135577
Set out on pages	5-8 <small>(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)</small>		
Responsibilities and basis of report	<p>I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025</p> <p>As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").</p> <p>I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.</p>		
Independent examiner's statement	<p>I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or</li><li>• the accounts do not accord with the accounting records</li><li>• statutory fees were not accounted for correctly.</li></ul> <p>I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</p> <p><i>* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.</i></p>		
Signed:	M7C	Date:	27/3/2026
Name:	MARK ECKLEY		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):			
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**The PCC of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holmer with Huntington**

**Balance Sheet detailed**

	As at 31/12/2025	As at 31/12/2024
<b>Current assets</b>		
6510: CCLA Deposit Account	15,957.59	15,303.54
6520: CAF Cash Account	18,042.17	19,086.12
6521: CAF Gold Account	1,070.75	1,044.37
6590: Bell Tower Bank Account	-	-
6591: Busy Bees Bank Account	2,852.18	2,388.06
6593: Junior Church Bank Account	28.49	55.34
<b>Total Current assets</b>	<b>37,951.18</b>	<b>37,877.43</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
6699: Agency collections	90.00	(164.00)
Z04: Accounts Payable	-	-
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>90.00</b>	<b>(164.00)</b>
<b>Net Asset surplus (deficit)</b>	<b>37,861.18</b>	<b>38,041.43</b>
<b>Reserves</b>		
Excess/(deficit) to date	(180.25)	8,282.86
Z01: Starting balances	38,041.43	29,758.57
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>37,861.18</b>	<b>38,041.43</b>

**Represented by Funds**

General (Unrestricted)	32,086.97	31,117.18
Designated	5,286.87	4,540.85
Restricted	487.34	2,383.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,861.18</b>	<b>38,041.43</b>

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**Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)**  
**As at: 31 December 2025**

<b>Class and nominal code</b>	<b>General (Unrestricted)</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Restricted</b>	<b>Endowment</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Last year</b>
<b>Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand</b>						
6510: CCLA Deposit Account	15,957.59	-	-	-	15,957.59	15,303.54
6520: CAF Cash Account	15,058.63	2,406.20	577.34	-	18,042.17	19,086.12
6521: CAF Gold Account	1,070.75	-	-	-	1,070.75	1,044.37
6591: Busy Bees Bank Account	-	2,852.18	-	-	2,852.18	2,388.06
6593: Junior Church Bank Account	-	28.49	-	-	28.49	55.34
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,086.97</b>	<b>5,286.87</b>	<b>577.34</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,951.18</b>	<b>37,877.43</b>
<b>Liability - Agency Accounts</b>						
6699: Agency collections	-	-	90.00	-	90.00	(164.00)
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>90.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>90.00</b>	<b>(164.00)</b>
<b>Net total assets</b>	<b>32,086.97</b>	<b>5,286.87</b>	<b>487.34</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,861.18</b>	<b>38,041.43</b>
<b>Represented by</b>						
General (Unrestricted)	32,086.97	-	-	-	32,086.97	31,117.18
Designated - Bell Tower	-	2,406.20	-	-	2,406.20	2,097.45
Designated - Busy Bees	-	2,852.18	-	-	2,852.18	2,388.06
Designated - Jun Church	-	28.49	-	-	28.49	55.34
Restricted - CFamWork	-	-	-	-	-	1,873.61
Restricted - HolmerFlow	-	-	428.22	-	428.22	450.67
Restricted - Hunt Flower	-	-	59.12	-	59.12	59.12
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,086.97</b>	<b>5,286.87</b>	<b>487.34</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,861.18</b>	<b>38,041.43</b>

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**Analysis of income and expenditure**  
**Selected period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025**

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
<b>Donations and legacies</b>						
0101 - Standing Orders	3,280	-	-	-	3,280	3,480
0140 - Parish Giving - Gift Aided	47,553	-	-	-	47,553	47,240
0141 - Parish Giving - Gift Aid Income	9,595	-	-	-	9,595	10,433
0301 - Holmer Plate	4,981	-	-	-	4,981	5,997
0302 - Huntington Plate	2,116	-	-	-	2,116	2,686
0303 - St Mary's Plate	2,610	-	-	-	2,610	2,273
0304 - Baptism, Wedding and Funeral Service Col	1,194	-	68	-	1,261	306
0401 - Donations	9,093	-	4,690	-	13,783	19,713
0404 - Bell Tower Donations	-	509	-	-	509	153
0405 - Donations for Wedding Flowers	-	-	100	-	100	80
0406 - Donations for Discretionary Fund	1,020	-	-	-	1,020	1,515
0501 - Online Giving	1,711	-	-	-	1,711	323
0601 - Gift Aid Recovered	4,038	-	1,799	-	5,837	6,163
0701 - Legacies Received	2,000	-	-	-	2,000	1,000
0803 - Other Grants	-	-	-	-	-	5,400
<b>Donations and legacies Totals</b>	<b>89,190</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>6,657</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>96,356</b>	<b>106,762</b>
<b>Income from charitable activities</b>						
0901 - Fundraising Income	1,545	-	202	-	1,747	1,704
1101 - Funeral Fees	5,320	-	-	-	5,320	3,353
1110 - Wedding Fees	1,077	-	-	-	1,077	486
<b>Income from charitable activities Totals</b>	<b>7,942</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,144</b>	<b>5,543</b>
<b>Other trading activities</b>						
1201 - Magazine Adverts & Sales	1,011	-	-	-	1,011	1,421
1210 - Parish Centre Lettings	10,616	-	-	-	10,616	12,587
1211 - St Mary's Lettings	5,330	-	-	-	5,330	5,453
1220 - Activity/ Training Days	345	-	-	-	345	253
1221 - Social Events Income	50	-	143	-	193	495
1222 - Plaque Income	1,345	-	-	-	1,345	704
1223 - Holmer Hub	2,739	-	-	-	2,739	2,839
1230 - Junior Church	-	153	-	-	153	195
1232 - Busy Bees	-	1,658	-	-	1,658	1,881
<b>Other trading activities Totals</b>	<b>21,436</b>	<b>1,811</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,390</b>	<b>25,828</b>
<b>Investments</b>						
1020 - Bank Interest	728	-	-	-	728	821
<b>Investments Totals</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>821</b>
<b>Other income</b>						
1302 - Other Incoming Resources	427	-	-	-	427	1,556
<b>Other income Totals</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>1,556</b>
<b>Income and endowments Grand totals</b>	<b>119,723</b>	<b>2,320</b>	<b>7,002</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>129,045</b>	<b>140,510</b>



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**Expenditure on:**

**Raising funds**

1701 - Fundraising Expenses	71	-	-	-	71	8
<b>Raising funds Totals</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>8</b>

**Expenditure on charitable activities**

1801 - PCC Mission Giving	4,200	-	-	-	4,200	3,377
1802 - Discretionary Giving	1,016	-	-	-	1,016	77
1901 - Parish Share	63,460	-	-	-	63,460	59,308
2001 - Salaries	14,412	-	7,254	-	21,666	21,513
2002 - HMRC Costs	1,619	-	843	-	2,462	3,458
2003 - Pension Costs	559	-	497	-	1,055	1,548
2101 - Clergy Expenses	468	-	-	-	468	837
2102 - Staff Expenses	222	-	183	-	405	711
2103 - Staff Training	680	-	-	-	680	-
2300 - Worship Materials	710	-	-	-	710	551
2301 - Grounds Maintenance	15	-	-	-	15	449
2302 - Property Maintenance	836	-	-	-	836	850
2303 - Bell Tower Running Costs	-	200	-	-	200	180
2304 - Annual Service Contracts	720	-	-	-	720	477
2305 - Annual Subscriptions	2,346	-	-	-	2,346	1,264
2306 - Stationery & Equipment	1,970	-	-	-	1,970	1,612
2307 - Cleaning Supplies	646	-	-	-	646	700
2308 - Telephone	1,502	-	-	-	1,502	1,563
2309 - Postage	40	-	-	-	40	114
2310 - Printing Costs	1,151	-	-	-	1,151	1,864
2311 - Insurance	3,955	-	-	-	3,955	3,872
2312 - Flowers	93	-	122	-	216	111
2402 - Parish Centre Utility Bills	2,660	-	-	-	2,660	2,592
2403 - Holmer Utility Bills	1,910	-	-	-	1,910	2,306
2404 - Huntington Utility Bills	1,180	-	-	-	1,180	2,450
2405 - St Mary's Utility Bills	2,538	-	-	-	2,538	2,809
2406 - Parish Office Utility Bills	689	-	-	-	689	774
2505 - Social Events Expenses	325	-	-	-	325	717
2506 - Magazine Expenses	53	-	-	-	53	52
2601 - Governance Costs	96	-	-	-	96	1,183
2701 - Holmer Repairs	1,725	-	-	-	1,725	1,182
2702 - Huntington Repairs	974	-	-	-	974	-
2703 - St Mary's Repairs	622	-	-	-	622	421
2801 - Parish Centre Repairs	467	-	-	-	467	6,233
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities Totals</b>	<b>113,858</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>8,898</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>122,956</b>	<b>125,152</b>

**Other expenditure**

2314 - Sundries	49	-	-	-	49	240
2501 - Junior Church	-	180	-	-	180	180
2503 - Busy Bees	-	1,194	-	-	1,194	2,055
2504 - Activity/Training Days	2,904	-	-	-	2,904	2,913
2507 - Plaques	765	-	-	-	765	704
2508 - Holmer Hub	955	-	-	-	955	750
2600 - Bank Account Fees	93	-	-	-	93	129
2603 - Parish Hire Refund	59	-	-	-	59	96
<b>Other expenditure Totals</b>	<b>4,825</b>	<b>1,374</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,198</b>	<b>7,067</b>
<b>Expenditure Grand totals</b>	<b>118,753</b>	<b>1,574</b>	<b>8,898</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>129,225</b>	<b>132,227</b>